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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentations in
GN Docket 00-185; CS Docket 02-52;
CC Dockets 02-33, 95-20, 98-10

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 29, 2003, Paul Schroeder, Alan Dinsmore, and Karen Peltz Strauss of the American Foundation for the Blind met with Sarah Whitesell of the Office of FCC Commissioner Adelstein for the purpose of discussing access to broadband services by people with disabilities. We discussed problems that people with disabilities have already encountered in trying to secure and use broadband services, the failure of the marketplace to address the needs of people with disabilities, and the importance of ensuring that individuals with disabilities have full access to broadband services. We also discussed legal theories by which the Commission can ensure access through its current proceedings. A copy of our presentation is attached.

Sincerely,

/s/

Karen Peltz Strauss
Policy Consultant on behalf of the
American Foundation for the Blind

Attachment